

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) A magnetic head support mechanism comprising:

a magnetic head;

gimbals for electrically connecting to the magnetic head, wherein the gimbals ~~forming~~ are made of a copper alloy and form a current supply path; and

a suspension for holding the gimbals, wherein the suspension ~~being made of~~ is a member having made of stainless steel or spring steel and has a rigidity higher than that of the gimbals, and wherein the suspension performs a load (press)/unload (retract) operation of the magnetic head on a recording medium by elastic deformation of the suspension.

2. (Previously Presented) A magnetic head support mechanism according to Claim 1, wherein the suspension is formed by a plate member thicker than the gimbals.

3. (Previously Presented) A magnetic head support mechanism according to Claim 1, wherein the suspension does not form the current supply path to the magnetic head.

4. and 5. Cancelled

6. (Previously Presented) A magneto-optical recording apparatus comprising:

a magnetic head support mechanism according to Claim 1; and
an optical head which irradiates a magnetic field applying region of
the recording medium, to which a magnetic field generated by the magnetic head of the
magnetic head support mechanism is applied, with a light beam.